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SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF TUG AND BARGES AT CAYENNE

REF.: PARIS 33061

1. WRITTEN REPORT (FROM PREFET) ON SEIZURE OF TUG AND BARGES HAS NOW BEEN DELIVERED TO EMBASSY. FRENCH TEXT BEING SENT DEPARTMENT UNDER COVER OF TRANSMITTAL SLIP TO EUR/WE. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

"SEIZURE AND SEQUESTRATION OF LUMBERING EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTED BY 'INDIAN TOWING COMPANY'.*

"ACCORDING TO INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

"1) INTERVENTION OF FRENCH POLICE FORCES TOOK PLACE *NSIDE FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS UNDER FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

"INTERCEPTION TOOK PLACE 11.5 NAUTICAL MILES FROM COAST ON BEARING OF 043-0 FROM 'LE PERE' ISLAND, LONGITUDE 52-0, 0.4 MINUTES 2 SECONDS WEST, LATITUDE 5-0, 0.4 MINUTES 2 SECONDS NORTH.

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"JUST BEFORE INTERCEPTION PICKET BOAT (VEDETTE) WAS PROCEEDING ON TRUE HEADING OF 30-0 AT SPEED OF 13.2 KNOTS. AT MOMENT

OF

RADAR SIGHTING OF CONVOY, POSITION OF PICKET BOAT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

"LONGITUDE 52-0, 10 MINUTES 2 SECONDS WEST

"LATITUDE 4-0, 54 MINUTES 9 SECONDS NORTH

"AT SAME MOMENT, CONVOY TO BE SEIZED WAS LOCATED 11 NAUTICAL
MILES FROM LE PERE ISLAND BEARING 61-0, LONGITUDE 52-0, 2
MINUTES 5 SECONDS WEST, LATITUDE 5-0, 1 MINUTE NORTH.

"2) I HAVE NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT ME TO INFORM YOU
REGARDING INSURANCE COVERAGE BEFORE VOYAGE.

"3) AS REGARDS SEIZURE AND INTERVENTION OF FORCES OF GENDARMERIE,
OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT COMPLETELY LEGALLY PURSUANT TO DECREE
FROM PRESIDENT OF TRIBUNAL DE GRANDE INSTANCE OF CAYENNE ACTING
IN COMMERCIAL CAPACITY DATED 28 NOVEMBER 1973 (APPLICATION OF
ARTICLE I OF DECREE 71 161 OF 24 FEBRUARY 1971 AND ARTICLES 48
TO 54 OF DECREE 661 078 OF 31 DECEMBER 1966). THIS DECREE,
DULY PROVIDED WITH EXECUTORY CLAUSE, WAS HANDED OVER TO MAITRE
BOIZET, BAILIFF (HUISSIER DE JUSTICE) AT CAYENNE FOR EXECUTION.

"LATTER REQUESTED, THROUGH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, USE OF
POLICE POWERS, IN THIS CASE THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE WHICH HAS
AT ITS DISPOSITION A SEA-GOING PICKET BOAT (VEDETTE).

"REQUEST FOR USE OF FORCE MADE BY MAITRE BOIZET WAS TRANSMITTED
TO GENDARMERIE BY VERBAL ORDER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL (PROCUREUR)
OF REPUBLIC ON 29 NOVEMBER 1973 AT 1530 HOURS.

"SEIZURE WAS CARRIED OUT BY MAITRE BOIZET, EMBARKED ON
PICKET BOAT OF GENDARMERIE, ON NIGHT OF 29-30 NOVEMBER 1973."
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